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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

Troy Squires

Serial No.: 09/808,703

Filed: March 14, 2001

For: HORIZONTALLY DRAINING,
PRE-ENGINEERED SYNTHETIC
TURF FIELD

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2002 (paper no. 5), Applicant requests consideration of the following remarks:

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

A clean copy of the pending claims is included in Attachment A herein. The claims have not been amended.

REMARKS

An Affidavit under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 is submitted herewith in support of the patentability of the artificial turf system of Applicant's claims. Claims 1-20 are pending. In the Office Action, claims 1-13 and 17-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being